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ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT REPORTS

Assembly Chamber, September 25, 2015

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 15

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 25th day of September, 2015, at 2 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message from the Governor was received and ordered printed in the Journal:

Governor’s Message—Assembly Bill No. 15

Governor’s Office, Sacramento  
October 5, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

ABx2 15 is not an ordinary bill because it deals with life and death. The crux of the matter is whether the State of California should continue to make it a crime for a dying person to end his life, no matter how great his pain or suffering.

I have carefully read the thoughtful opposition materials presented by a number of doctors, religious leaders and those who champion disability rights. I have considered the theological and religious perspectives that any deliberate shortening of one’s life is sinful.

I have also read the letters of those who support the bill, including heartfelt pleas from Brittany Maynard’s family and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. In addition, I have discussed this matter with a Catholic Bishop, two of my own doctors and former classmates and friends who take varied, contradictory and nuanced positions.

In the end, I was left to reflect on what I would want in the face of my own death.

I do not know what I would do if I were dying in prolonged and excruciating pain. I am certain, however, that it would be a comfort to be able to consider the options afforded by this bill. And I wouldn't deny that right to others.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

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TONI G. ATKINS, Speaker

AMY LEACH, Minute Clerk

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